

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide correct priority information.

The amendments made reflect the priority data found in the Initial Information Data Sheet and the Utility Patent Transmittal as filed with the subject application on May 8, 2001.

No new matter has been added.

Entry of these Amendments is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A. MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following paragraph:

[This application claims priority under 35 USC 119 from provisional application 60/033,193 filed 18 December 1996.] This application is a Divisional of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/422,073, filed October 21, 1999, now United States Patent Number 6,258,566, which is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial Number 08/989,332, filed December 11, 1997, now United States Patent Number 6,033,883, which claims the benefit under 35 USC 119 of the filing date of United States Provisional Application Serial Number 60/033,193, filed December 18, 1996. The contents of [this] the provisional application are incorporated herein by reference.